



EXPRESS MAIL NO. EV529816071US

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Motohide Yamazaki et al.
Application No. : 10/617,371
Filed : July 10, 2003
For : PRODUCTION OF EXOPOLYSACCHARIDES UNATTACHED
TO THE SURFACE OF BACTERIAL CELLS

Examiner : Francisco Chandler Prats
Art Unit : 1651
Docket No. : 850136.402D1
Date : July 24, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter "PTO") on March 22, 2006, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on Monday, July 24, 2006, in view of the fact that the due date of July 22, 2006 falls on a Saturday. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.